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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

THURSDAY - DEC. 19, 1912.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Pay your city taxes.

Santa Claus on the way.

The hub factory is idle again.

They're all good children now.

We'll print Tuesday next week.

Coal for sale at A. Riecke & Son's.

Beautiful Furs and Fur Sets at Lopez's.

Saturday will be the shortest day of the year.

The town has been filled with Christmas shoppers.

Sunday School attendance has singularly increased of late.

Remember you can get the best printing at the REGISTER office.

How's your wood-pile—and, by the way, have you a wood-pile?

Fine Christmas candies, cigars, etc., at the South Side Drug Store.

No longer does Alexander come in the morning—and we miss him.

The gaps in the granitoid are slowly filling, as the weather permits.

Men and Teamsters wanted to work in timber. Apply to Wm. O. Huff, Chicago.

Mr. Stricklin's new cement building in north Ironton is nearing completion.

There was a cold day or two the past week but the weather continues remarkably fine.

Turkeys, chickens, ducks, geese, cranberries, oysters, celery, etc., at Coddling's Meat Market.

To every reader of the REGISTER, A Merry, Merry Christmas and Bright and Happy New Year!

On Christmas Day there will be Holy Communion and Sermon at 9:30 A. M. in St. Paul's church.

Jacob Dinger's new residence on north Shepherd street is a handsome and attractive structure.

A Mr. Morgan, formerly of St. Louis, now occupies Thos. D. Jones' house on the mountain side.

A big drop in the thermometer Sunday night has reminded us that we are in the idea of December.

The boys and girls who are away from home attending school are expected home the latter part of the week.

A Children's Christmas Festival and Christmas Tree will be held in St. Paul's Church on Christmas Eve.

FOR SALE—Registered Yorkshire, Male and 3 Brood Sows; a real bargain, if sold at once. Apply at this office.

Jas. McGinnies, late editor of the Enterprise, left last Friday for New Mexico. His family departed some weeks ago.

Lost—Tuesday, December 17, 1912, a little sunburst pin, with pearls. A reward will be paid for its return to this office.

Jonathan Milburn, a well known farmer, died at his home on Marble Creek about nine miles south of Ironton last Saturday.

With eight separate trials in the Mullane case, court will probably be in session until the Holidays—and then some, maybe.

Notice—Anybody having a farm for rent and will furnish everything address Geo. Evans, Vereen, Florida, a Missouri farmer.

We wish to see the Children at our Store Tuesday, December 24th.

C. J. PERCY & Son.

What more beautiful than the sunrises we have been having the past week? No colors on the painter's palette could depict them.

Mrs. A. M. Allen delightfully entertained her Sunday School Class at her beautiful home in Arcadia, Missouri, Friday evening, last.

Our street lights "skin" those in the big town of DeSoto a city block or more. Fact is our lights are just about as good as anybody has.

Go and see Riecke & Son's show windows. They will delight your eye and give you an idea of that Christmas Present you are thinking of giving.

They tell us to do our "Christmas shopping early." The contingent factor that we have the where-withal to do the shopping seems to be taken for granted.

F. O. Coddling, the butcher, handled 118 turkeys Thanksgiving. He would like to have as many as 150 for Christmas. So, if you have turkeys to sell see him at once.

We have but one price, sell for cash and lose no bad bills; therefore, sell cheaper than do credit stores. "We can save you money."

B. N. BROWN.

J. A. Reyburn and T. N. Marr, who have been on jury duty in the federal court, St. Louis, more or less, for the past two months, returned home Friday, having been finally discharged.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, who live about six miles south of Ironton on Marble Creek, have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their twelve-year-old daughter which occurred Monday.

The season's slogan—"Do your Christmas shopping early"—is well considered. It will give you the more time to replenish your purse against the next Christmas.

Married—At the court house, Ironton Mo., Thursday, December 12, 1912, Judge Roop officiating, Mr. Sam Dennison and Miss Lula Hughes—all of Sabula, Iron county.

Some unsightly outhouses and dilapidated, tumble-down fences in this town ought to be made conspicuous by their absence. One disreputable structure may mar the beauty of a whole neighborhood.

The steam shovel, which was at work on the railroad at Tip Top for several months in the spring and summer, and afterwards taken to Summit, was last week taken down to Arkansas on the White River Branch.

If you want to add to the beauty of this town, tear down that old, ramshackle fence. The care you put on your lawn will show to greater advantage and the painter's and carpenter's bills will visibly shrink.

Iron Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F., will observe Thursday night, December 19th, as Home-Coming Night. All members are urged to be present at the roll-call. Visiting Brothers are welcome. A lunch will be served at Lodge.

Cordwood is re-establishing its place in local domestic economy. Hub-wood demand far exceeds the supply, and we're getting back to first principles. Its next and final displacement will be by King Coal, who, though a merry old soul, taxes his subjects to the limit.

All sorts of good things to eat at Twomey's Restaurant and Market. Green Onions, Radishes, Carrots, Soup bunches, Grapes, Tropical Fruits, Oysters, Shrimp, Pickled Herring, Pickled Pig's Feet, Limburger, Brick, and Swiss Cheese. Imported Sardines, Cranberries, etc.

A new time card went into effect Sunday. No. 3, local train, south-bound, now gets at Ironton at 11:00 o'clock A. M.—forty-five minutes earlier than heretofore. No. 10, north-bound, gets here at 4:55 A. M.—heretofore at 6 A. M. Neither of the changes are of any benefit here.

Crow & Bro. have just put into their mill an 8-horse power gas-engine, a planer and rip-saw. They also have built a shed forty by fifty feet in dimensions, for the storage of lumber and other material. The REGISTER is glad to note the continued growth of this establishment in capacity and efficiency.

There are humps and hollows on Main street which make it mighty uncomfortable for drivers of hacks, buggies and automobiles. It is an annoyance that ought to be done away with, and I hope the City Fathers may take the matter in hand in good earnest. Their wisdom and power are certainly equal to the occasion.

Rev. Milford Riggs, now in charge of the First Baptist Church of Ironton, preached his initial sermon last Sunday. He and his family will take up their residence here so soon as a suitable house can be obtained. He will preach on the first three Sundays of each month, excepting this month, wherein he gives the last three Sundays.

Somehow, the electric lights in this city are unevenly distributed. The lower end of the town is plentifully served, but farther north the lamps are very sparsely in evidence. If necessary, less grouping, gentlemen, and more distribution. I don't like to kick, but here there is certainly a kick coming. The dark is too strenuous for my old eyes.

Rev. Mr. Steel, pastor of the Baptist church, of this city, went to St. Louis Wednesday to marry a couple at the Planters Hotel. The Dr. was pastor of one of the leading Baptist churches in the city for several years, and this call from these his former parishioners to solemnize the rites of matrimony show their appreciation of him.—Lead Belt News.

Will the weather man give us ice this winter? Generally, unless the crop is harvested before the holidays, we have to import the ensuing summer, and the price soars heavenward before autumn comes. Are the elements in league with the High Cost of Living Combine? There remains but one short month in which they may make good on the side of suffering humanity.

A perfect town is that in which you see the farmers patronizing the home merchants, the laborers spending the money they earn with their tradesmen, and all animated by the spirit that they will not purchase articles abroad that can be bought at home. The spirit of reciprocity, between men and mechanics, tradesmen and manufacturers results every time in making the town a perfect one to do business in.

Count Don Cesar de Montalban y de Mazas, a real Spanish nobleman who is making a journey of more than 300,000 miles, was in Bismarck one day last week. He is a journalist, and called at this office for a certificate of his visit. He is making his way by selling stamps and other curios, and his inability to speak English is an added hardship. His travels have taken him all over Southern Asia, South and Central America and Mexico. He expects to go to Chicago, thence to Alaska and back to his home in Madrid via Siberia and down the western coast of Asia. The Don has the appearance of a refined gentleman and his actions and pleasing manner are guarantees that he will be treated courteously wherever he goes.—Bismarck Gazette.

I was in St. Louis a few days last week and was very much surprised to hear that business was good, real good. When a Democratic President was elected twenty years ago that fact occasioned a panic six months before the election occurred. Here we are, six weeks after the greatest Democratic victory in the history of the Nation, and no panic yet. The Democrats are not as bad as they used to be. We're improving, boys.

Last Thursday and Friday were as fine winter days as ever occurred to the delight of living. The sky was without a cloud and the glad sunshine brightened every prospect. It was cold enough to give spring to the footstep, zest to the appetite and interest to the woodpile. May there be many such days in store for us to offset the sleet and snow sure to come ere spring again smiles upon us!

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics makes the following record of births and deaths in Iron County for the months of July, August and September: Deaths—by typhoid fever, 4; whooping cough, 2; tuberculosis, 1; cancer, 1; diseases of the heart and circulatory system, 2; pneumonia, 2; diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), 4; accidents, 2; other causes, 9. Total 27. Births—July, 10; August, 7; September, 10. Total 27.

Sunday morning, December 15, 1912, the M. E. Church, South, had their rally. About 60 were present at Sunday school, and 75 at church in the morning. The pastor at Fort Hill feels highly encouraged at the results he has already obtained with his new charge. The services in the evening were especially fine, and the minister, Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, preached two fine sermons that day. We are glad to have Bro. Vaughan with us.

F. O. Coddling, at the Ironton Meat Market, desires to inform his patrons and the public generally that he is well prepared to furnish all the good things to eat for the holidays. Turkeys, all other fowls, beef, pork, sausage, oysters, cranberries and all kinds of fresh fruits. In fact, the Ironton Meat Market is filled to overflowing with everything that is tempting to the palate and satisfying to the appetite. Remember Coddling when you get ready to order the Christmas spread.

I spent a few minutes last Saturday with our young friend, Geo. W. Clarkson, President of the Grand Avenue Bank, St. Louis. George is a mighty genial, affable gentleman and is always a pleasure to meet him. His Iron county friends will be glad to know that he has "made good" in the banking business. The Grand Avenue Bank has made wonderful progress in the two years that Mr. Clarkson has been in charge thereof, and the promise for the future is exceedingly bright.

Our friend Charley C. Mitchim, editor of the De Soto Press, is a candidate for the postmastership of his city. We are for him. It is fitting that the "party pie" should go to the men of the party upon whose arduous labors depend the success of the party, and the average country editor certainly does his part in putting up the said arduous labors. Another one of our newspaper men co-laborers, who is for a postmastership is Louis Jobe of the Bloomfield Vindicator, and we are for him too.—Doniphan Prospect-News.

Our postmaster, F. M. Jones, being the most fair of any in his position in the country, and according to the custom of "to the victor belong the spoils," has announced his intention of giving up the Winona office to some successful man of the Democratic faith at the end of the fiscal year—June 30th, 1913. Accordingly, applicants are quite numerous, and already having petitions for signers, the ones not previously reported being John Copeland and R. L. Norton. All applicants are perfectly competent and it may finally result in a game of drawing straws to determine the winner.—Winona Democrat.

About eight o'clock Monday morning the fire alarm was sounded and for a few minutes Main street was enlivened with people going northward on the double-quick. The cry was that the hub-factory was in flames, but this happened, fortunately, to be a mistake. The alarm was caused by the burning out of a flue in Mr. Robert Farmer's house, from which no damage resulted. As the house is in the vicinity of the hub factory, some hasty individual voiced his excited conclusion that the latter establishment was in the grasp of the fire-flend, but before the crowd got within viewing distance the soot-fled flames had subsided.

The Fredericktown Democrat-News is reproducing from its files local news items of days long gone by. From last week's issue I take the following, under the heading, "25 Years Ago": "The wife of Rev. Ellis of Mine La Motte, died last week. Mrs. Wm. Whitworth, mother of John, William, George and Isaac Whitworth of Ironton, died Tuesday.

Married—Mr. John Butts and Miss Lizzie Newman of Ironton. R. Baird and Wm. Newberry left Friday for Kansas. These two are determined to locate in Kansas. Hon. Robert Hatcher will hold an adjourned session of court here Monday.

In the circuit court proceedings of Dunklin county last week is the following item: "State vs. T. J. Douglas; nolle prosequi the State; statement of Prosecuting Attorney filed with the papers. In his statement, Prosecuting Attorney Bradley states that the indictment for what is called in law, corruption

in office, was based largely upon the disclosure made by the Bond and Audit Company which audited the books of the various officers of Dunklin county, in 1910; that J. S. Mare, an employee of the audit company, had charges of that part of the investigation which investigated the books of Collector Douglas, and that though three subpoenas have been issued to get Mare here, with checks enclosed for his expenses, that the subpoenas have been returned with the statement that Mare could not be found. Mr. Bradley says he can not proceed to the trial in this case without Witness Mare, and he sees no likelihood of getting him here, so he and the counsel associated with him ask that case (No. 286, at page 17 of the docket) be nolle prosequi.

Circuit court convened in adjourned session Monday morning, Judge W. N. Evans, of West Plains, presiding, for the purpose of trying the parties charged with raping Mrs. Lily Mullane near Annapolis, this county, on October 19th. Immediately on the assembling of court counsel for each of the eight defendants might be tried separately. The severance was granted and the state's attorneys elected to try the case against Wm. Brewer. Thirty-seven qualified jurors were secured Monday and the three additional jurors necessary were empaneled Tuesday morning. Court then adjourned until Wednesday morning in order for the attorneys to have the time to make their challenges. The state has ten challenges and the defense eighteen. Mrs. Mullane is here but her husband is gone—no one seems to know where. The jury will be announced when court convenes Wednesday morning and the introduction of evidence will at once begin. There are more than seventy witnesses in the case and the trial will occupy most of the week.

I like the picture show. There, for an hour, one shuffles off his mortal concernment and lives in a world devoid of the every-day worries of life, at the cheap and easy rate of ten cents per there. I meet and exchange greetings with friends whose presence reassures me of the judiciousness of my being an auditor—or, rather, looker-on. The shows given in the Academy of Music this winter relieve the monotony of the town, and are morally and instructively, commendable. But there is one objectionable attendant—the irritating, disconcerting activity of many of the youngsters occupying the front rows, to say nothing of a few crows, would-be "smart" youths of an age that ought to warrant better behavior. Last Saturday night, all my folks being heavy on my hands, I went to see the pictures. They were good, and I always—when permitted by surroundings—enjoy the song "between acts." But it was not so that night. During the short wait upon the beginning of the show, the youngsters in front—girls, as well as boys—were disagreeably vivacious, and when the song came on it was rendered at times unintelligible by talking, shuffling of the feet, and even whistling—some of the older boys lending aid to the disturbances. Such as this is intolerable, and parents should see to it that it ceases. No, I am not grumpy. I like to see children enjoy themselves in their exuberance of life; but there is a time for all things, and a little restraint of their animal spirits at suitable season will but give zest to their play and "fun" at another time. I hope the annoyance complained of may be presently abated.

Special—We offer 10 per cent discount from regular prices to churches, schools and Sunday schools on quantity purchases of nuts, candies and fruits for the Christmas season.

LOPEZ STORE CO.

Country People, Attention.—When in Ironton, eat your dinner or lunch at Twomey's Restaurant. I will pay you cash for butter, eggs, etc.

All best Soaps and Toilet Waters at South Side Drug Store.

PERSONAL.

Marion Lewis of Des Arc was in town this week.

John Schwab of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, is in town.

R. L. Barger was a St. Louis visitor last week.

Thos. Walden of Bellevue was in Ironton Tuesday.

J. H. Campbell of Bellevue was a caller Tuesday.

Dr. F. W. Trauernicht went to St. Louis last Monday.

Judge Wm. A. Thompson of Mann was a caller Tuesday.

Rev. Father Adrian went to St. Louis Sunday, returning next day.

Mrs. Woodside and Miss Bessie Gillam were St. Louis visitors last week.

J. T. Baldwin, Jr., and family of Memphis, Tennessee, are visiting relatives in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Schwab, who are at present making their home in Crossett, Arkansas, are in Ironton.

Dr. J. H. Martin and family left Tuesday for Jefferson City, where they will remain until the close of the Legislature in March.

John S. Benson, of St. Louis, left last week for a trip to south-west Texas, where he will sojourn some time for the benefit of his health.

Fall Goods arriving every day. We have now our line of Fall and Winter Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Overcoats, Cloaks, Underwear, Suspenders, Shirts, Etc. "We can save you money."

B. N. BROWN.

Perfumery, all kinds, at the South Side Drug Store.

School Notes.

School will be dismissed Friday for the Christmas holidays to take up Monday, December 30th.

The high school received a gift of very valuable books this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are the donors. There were more than fifty books in the collection, but we can mention only a few of the most valuable. Two books on our own country and island possessions were works of art, being photographs and descriptions of places of interest in our country. A set of four histories on Greece, Rome, England and America. Several books on literature and criticism and some story books for the primary grades. There was also complete series of prints of famous paintings exhibited at the World's Fair, St. Louis. There are about forty of these that should be framed. Here is an opportunity for the public to have some of these framed. We hardly know how to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ayres for their splendid and useful gift, but we hope they will see in this feeble effort the gratitude we feel. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are deeply interested in schools and school work, Mrs. Ayres having been connected with St. Louis schools for many years.

The grades received set of supplementary readers this week. Miss Ringo is using them first at Arcadia.

More than five hundred Christmas seals have been sold by Ironton schools for the tuberculosis fund. You can get them at the Arcadia Valley Drug Store.

The basketball team had a very pleasant trip to Fredericktown last Saturday. The fine weather made the trip a very pleasant drive. The game was played on an indoor court. The boys complained of not being able to see the ball on account of the poor light. The score was 24 to 12 against the Ironton team. The team were at the disadvantage of not being accustomed to indoor court. An effort will be made to get a return game at Ironton.

The complete list of Teachers' reading circle books should be as follows instead of the few given last week:

Findley & Johnson's "Dramatic Method of Teaching," Hall's "Aspect of Child Life," Haggood's "School Needle-work," Johnson's "Education by Plays and Games," "What to do to Recess," Kern's "Among Country Schools," Mace's "Methods in History," McMurray's "Special Methods in Arithmetic," and "Special Methods in Geography," Page's "Theory and Practice," White's "Elements of Pedagogy," and "Art of Teaching," Williams' "Gardens and their Use," and "Evolution of Dood," Brigham's "Geographical Influences in American History," Briggs & Coffman's "Reading," Chancellor's "Our Schools," Davenport's "Education for Efficiency," Bryant's "How to tell Stories to Children." Two copies each of the State Reading Circle books.

Our holiday stocks this season are the largest we have ever shown.

LOPEZ STORE CO.

Cabbage 2 cents per pound at Twomey's Restaurant and Market.

Elbert Victor Schwab.

DIED—At his home, Ironton, Mo., Thursday, December 12, 1912, at 11:00 o'clock P. M., Elbert Victor Schwab, son of the late Jno. Schwab, Sr., aged 15 years and 21 days.

Unavoidable the problem of life! Here was one to whom was pleasant the promise of years, yet had he barely crossed the threshold of existence when came the summons which numbered his days. He was beloved of the whole community; cheerful and vivacious, though of innate modesty and gentle manners, his presence was always attractive and pleasing. I first saw him at a Pilot Knob school exhibition. Old Grandpas Baird had been requested to assist at the entertainment, and when Elbert, then a little boy of six, came on the stage, he won the hearts of all by his childish earnestness and guileless face. Afterward, when his parents moved to this town, I saw him every day and admired his many ways and unsuspecting heartiness. He was growing to earnest, honest manhood, with the hope of a useful life before him. But it is ended now, and another world is his. Let us hope that that world is all that the most devout believer claims for it, and that Elbert's spirit hath given a new joy to its hosts.

The sorrowing, widowed mother has the sympathy of all who know her. May she be given strength to bear her heavy burden with implicit faith in that happy eternity which recompenses for all the ills of earth.

The funeral was held Sunday at 2:00 o'clock P. M., Rev. Furbinger of St. Louis conducting the ceremonies. An unusually large concourse attended the conveyance of the body to the Masonic Cemetery, where it was laid to its final rest.

We Wish You, one and all, A Merry Christmas!

C. J. PERCY & Son.

NOTICE—Special price on two or more coats, cloak and skirt, and two overcoats, at B. N. Brown's.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Rockwell and nephew gratefully appreciate the kindness shown by friends and neighbors in their sad bereavement.

Pilot Knob, Mo., Dec. 7, 1912.

When wanting a lunch to take with you on that trip or hunt, telephone Twomey to have it ready for you.

Gift good of every kind—suitable for everybody—at Lopez's.

Fancy out glass of all kinds at Lopez's.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder

Indispensable to best results—saves worry—saves work—saves money—saves health—saves complaints at table

Railway Christmas Rates.

Fare and one-third for round trip.

On sale December 23d, 24th, 25th, and 31st, and January 1st. Good to return January 6th.

C. E. DOWNEY, Agent.

Handsome new jewelry stock at Lopez's.

Des Are Items.

We are having October weather. Business is good. The Railroad Company is still working a big force on their tracks.

J. H. Stevenson was at Poplar Bluff last week on business.

Miss Alice Fitz returned home Sunday from Farmington.

C. S. Fitz was home Sunday.

Mrs. John Morris committed suicide last week by taking concentrated lye. She lived on a farm near Brunot. She was about 40 years old.

We learn that Dr. Fred Farr is not getting along as well as expected. He is at the hospital in St. Louis.

A dentist is located here and is getting some work.

I was in Ironton Saturday night.

Lopez Store Company have fifty electric lights in their mammoth store. By turning a button you can light the whole building, or part of it. They are having a fine Christmas trade and carry a fine stock of goods. They sell the Cox and Gordon meat and lard.

ISAAC.

ABSOLUTELY FREE!

We are giving away this winter a 25-piece set of the Genuine

"1847 Rogers' Silverware"

The one who guesses the nearest number of beans contained in a glass jar will secure the silverware without the expenditure of a cent.

This is no gambling scheme. No purchase is necessary to guess. The guessing is absolutely free to every one over 16 years of age, and you are cordially invited to make one guess every day.

What we get out of it is new names to whom we may send advertising matter.

The beans and silverware are now on exhibition in our big window.

B. N. BROWN,

Ironton, Mo.

One Price Cash Store.

"We can save you money."

Hammond's oleomargarine and creamery butter for sale at Coddling's.

How about your winter underwear? See the "Monarch" underwear at B. N. Brown's.—Adv.

Bellevue Items.

Died—At the home of his son-in-law, Dave Kneas, at six o'clock Sunday evening, December 8, Mr. Joshua Hapner. The writer has known Mr. Hapner for the past twenty years, and always found him to be an honest, Christian gentleman. To the bereaved wife, in this dark hour of sadness, we extend our heart-felt sympathy.

"God will heal that broken heart Which, like the plants that throw Their fragrance from the wounded part, Breathe sweetness out of woe."

Rev. Bynum has moved his family from Irondale to our town, where Mr. B. will have charge of the postoffice.

Since my last letter to the REGISTER, I have been informed that the proper authorities of the new bank here have ordered a new safe which will soon arrive, when everything will be in readiness for business.

Rev. Smith, of Caledonia, filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church here Sunday, December 8.

E. E. Chambers, who has been confined to his room for several days past, is now able to be out again.

Jack Middleton is building a house for John Moore, near J. H. Roehrs' residence on the Iron Mountain road.

H. Latham lost a horse last week. The horse was kicked on one of its front legs by a horse belonging to Mr. Bollinger, and the leg was broken. This is the second horse that Mr. Bollinger's horse has crippled by breaking a leg, within the past three or four months; and is the second horse Mr. Latham has lost in the last three years, by having its leg broken.

Misses Anna and Mirmie Thomas and Anna Hughes were in Ironton Saturday, Dec. 7.

The Methodists and Presbyterians are preparing to give an entertainment Xmas eve.

The pupils of the Thorn Grove school are very busily engaged making preparations for a literary program to be rendered just before Xmas. This is the third week of the six months of the school, and the daily attendance is more than twice what it was the first two months. There are only a few pupils who are devoting most of their time gadding about when they should be in school.

E. E. Chambers made a trip to Bismarck Friday.

Buy your Christmas candies and nuts at Lopez's.

Four pairs canvas gloves for 30 cents at B. N. Brown's.

From Goodland.

We are certainly having fine fall weather. Sunday was an ideal day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vanover have a new baby.

Goldie Gunter, who has spent the past year